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Informal dialogue between coastal and shipping States

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The co-sponsors propose that the Preparatory Committee agree to submit to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons the following language for inclusion in the final document of the Review Conference:

That the Review Conference:

(a) *Encourage* the continuation of the process of positive dialogue between coastal and shipping States established in Vienna as an informal mechanism in the margins of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, aimed at improving mutual understanding, building confidence and enhancing communication in relation to the safe maritime transport of radioactive material, taking into account the confidentiality necessary for security purposes;

(b) *Welcome* a greater uptake by relevant coastal and shipping States of the guidelines on best practices for voluntary and confidential Government-to-Government communications on the transport of MOX fuel, high-level radioactive waste and, as appropriate, irradiated nuclear fuel by sea;

(c) *Note* the organization of tabletop exercises within the framework of the dialogue between coastal and shipping States.

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